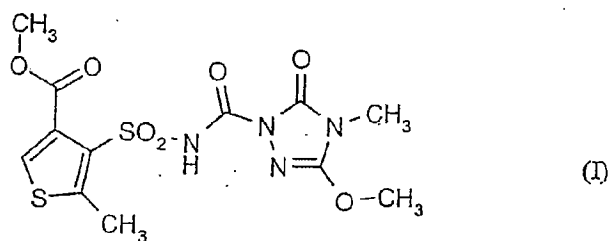


Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A method of selectively controlling weeds of the genus Apera in crops of useful plants by applying to said crops of useful plants ~~The use of the~~ compound 5-methoxy-4-methyl-2-[(4-methoxycarbonyl-2-methylthien-3-yl)sulfonylaminocarbonyl]-2,4-dihydro-3H-1,2,4-triazol-3-one of ~~the~~ formula (I)



~~and/or of the~~ salts of the compound of ~~the~~ formula (I), or mixtures thereof ~~for selectively controlling weeds of the genus Apera in to said~~ crops of useful plants.

2. (currently amended) A method of selectively controlling weeds of the genus Apera in crops of useful plants, which comprises applying to said crops of useful plants the compound of ~~the~~ formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 ~~and/or of the~~ salts of the compound of the formula (I), or mixtures thereof together with surface-active agents, extenders or mixtures thereof, ~~and/or customary extenders in crops of useful plants.~~